Liber No. 34 May 24

U. H. J. To his Excellency the Governor & the Honble her Majestys Council in Assembly

In Answer whereto the following sent by Kenelmn Cheseldine Esquire

By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly 28 September 1708.

Mr Speaker Tho we are well Satisfied it is her Majestys Prerogative to appoint Proper Officers to attend the Assembly and that you have no Right to the Election of any but what shall be approved of by this Board we are willing rather than the Countrys Business should be delayed to Admit of the Clerk nominated by you Pro hac Vice (salvo jure) but resent it that you Rejected the Clerk appointed by his Excellency without giving any Reason

Signed p Order Evan Jones Ct. Council

Col Cood and Captain Franklyn from the house enter the Council & deliver his Excellency the following Message.

By the House of Delegates 28 September 1708

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This house Humbly thank his Excellency for his favourable Condescension in approving of the Clerk by them Recommended and desire he May be qualified by taking the usual Oaths

Thomas Smithson, Speaker

To his Excellency the Governor & the Honble her Majestys Council in Assembly

Upon Reading of which his Excellency and this Board are pleased to admit of the said Dallam to be their Clerk Pro hac Vice and the said Dallam tooke the Oaths and Subscribed the Test in the Presence of Col Cood and Captain Franklyn and then Returned with the Members to their house.

In November Assembly 1708 Mr Philemon Hemsley and Mr Nathaniel Dare presented Mr Richard Dallam to his Excellency in Council who took the Oaths of Allegiance and Oath of Clerk of the house of Delegates and Signed the Declaration and Test

N. B. The Governors Approbation in this Instance is mentioned in express words in the Journal of the other house

In October Assembly 1709 Mr Worthington and Mr Tyler acquaint the Board from the house of Delegates that they have made choice of Mr William Taylard for their Clerk and desire he might be qualified

Ordered that Cot Coursey and Mr Young acquaint the house of Delegates this Board are willing to qualify Mr William Taylard to act as Clerk of their house for this present Session

Mr Worthington and Mr Tyler came with Mr Taylard to see him sworn which was done Particularly for the present Session